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Dear Gary,

Your 6/30: I had no objection to your sending me the material on the Lifton - Newcomb - Weisberg - &c feuding, nor was any embarrassment caused, nor did Lifton make anything of it; it is just that I really have little to add except my own opinions. I am, naturally, mildly curious about such matters and did read what you sent, with interest. If you think I should be persuaded of your opinions concerning Lifton I would have to see what he sent you (although I am not inclined to get involved in the Receda matter.) I have lots of things I would rather do - even physics is preferable. Could you clarify the comments to Lifton about Harold from "close associates" who had read his manuscripts? Was there a suggestion by DL it was Verb or me?

An example of how rumors can spread: a critic (who remains nameless here) told Verb that he had heard that Bud had gotten (the implication was improperly) his cross-index of CD's and CE's from Verb. In fact, as you probably know, Bud did the work independently, anyone could have done it, and the earlier list was done by me, not Verb. (Remember the old joke about the lawyer's strong defense: my client didn't borrow the car from you, it was already damaged when he borrowed it, and it was in perfect condition when he returned it.) I think we should write off a certain amount of friction between critics to misunderstanding, independent discovery, personality conflicts, and the like, and concentrate on what is important.

I think Jim Schmitt has some documents on Crafard; I will ask him to dig them up for you. Joesten (of all people) has some interesting ideas on Crafard.

For your Dallas trip - some of the black witnesses might have things they could tell you but didn't tell the Commission. Worth trying.... Your letters to Mondale are good. Any chance that they will lead anywhere? Ronnar may get to talk to Sen. Jackson.

I will send you the Kara-P docs, and others from GA-1-CIA, as soon as I can. If it is okay, I will send a set to Harold and one to you, contrary to instuctions.

If your Archives order was a few specified pages, a reply within 7 days is not extraordinary. It has happened to me before, but earlier this year I was getting long delays. As expected, requests for name file checks, etc., slow things down. For a while, I felt that Schmitt was getting better service than me because he often asked for large numbers of junk pages. Enclosed is Eckhoff's reply of 6/26 to my 6/16, which was for 45 pages. I try to avoid questions which they cannot possibly answer, but if you are specific enough you can tell when they are squirming. The first two paragraphs, which are just what I expected, suggests that we are playing games with each other. "The matter in which you are interested" indeed!

Two goodies Jim S. just got: CD 206, pp. 19-20, and CD 329, p. 58, on your Army Intelligence man James Powell and the (one?) photo he took. (Is he perhaps the man who was with Hosty on 11/22 (4H461)?) Also, CD 205, pp. 211-213, on Jack Lawrence, of Downtown Lincoln-Mercury and Charleston, W. Va., who allegedly told another salesman that he had gotten a Bad Conduct Discharge after helping Castro before the revolution. In 1962-3, worked for "Electronics Communications Inc." and a now-defunct advertising firm in Florida. I gather JG was about to pounce on him. Apparently NBC got the rumor (in 1963) that he was connected with Ruby. If you or Harold don't have these items, ask and they shall be sent.

Sincerely,
Paul

cc: HW